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TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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BOARD OF FINANCE

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

ROBERT K. PAGANI
Chairman

RICHARD J. CLEARY
ROBERT J. CLEMENTS
MARK A. JOYSE
BARRY C. PINTO
ALBERT S. WACHSMAN

Members Present: Robert K. Pagani-Chairman, Mark A. Joyse, Barry C. Pinto
Albert S. Wachsmann

Members Absent: Richard J. Cleary, Robert J. Clements

Others Present: N. DiCorleto-Fin Officer, M. Stupinski-First Sel, D. Roberson-Chmn BOE, S. Cullinan-Supt of Schools, M. Varney-Chief EVFD, A. Littizzio- Dir Bus Svs BOE, Members of Ellington Center Fire Dept.

Chairman Robert Pagani opened the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2006 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN.

Additional Appropriations

Proposed Firehouse Pinney Street – Chairman Pagani explained that members of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen met at the firehouse on August 23. The Fire Chief gave an informal presentation to the group. As a result, it was agreed that the proposal should be brought to the taxpayers to decide if they want to fund this new firehouse. Since this meeting, Chief Varney received a new conceptual rendering of what the building could look like which was more in line with the architecture of the area. He stated that this would be done within the budget of the project. All agreed that it was much more attractive.

MOTION (PAGANI) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE \$2,035,000, AND ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,035,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STORY, APPROXIMATELY 9,750 SQUARE FOOT FIRE STATION WITH TWO DOUBLE DRIVE-THROUGH APPARATUS HIGH BAYS, TO BE LOCATED ON TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY ON PINNEY STREET IN ELLINGTON, SOUTH OF WINDERMERE AVENUE, KNOWN AS 59 PINNEY STREET. THE PROJECT IS CONTEMPLATED TO INCLUDE OFFICE, DECONTAMINATION, SCBA, MECHANICAL, STORAGE, MALE AND FEMALE LIVING QUARTER, LOCKER, SHOWER, TOILET, AND RECREATION AND EXERCISE FACILITIES, AN ON-SITE TRAINING MEETING ROOM WITH KITCHEN, TOILETS AND A SEPARATE ENTRANCE AND AN AUXILIARY EMERGENCY GENERATOR, AND TO BE COMPLETED SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOPE DEFINITIONS AND

CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS INCLUDED IN "PRESENTATION TO TOWN OF ELLINGTON, ELLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, PINNEY STREET FIRE STATION" DATED MARCH 13, 2006 AND DRAWINGS ENTITLED "ELLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, CONCEPTUAL SITE & PARCEL LAYOUT, PINNEY ST. STATION, ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT" DATED APRIL 2006, BOTH PREPARED BY FUSS & O'NEILL DESIGN BUILD SERVICES, LLC. THE APPROPRIATION MAY BE SPENT FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS, EQUIPMENT, FURNISHINGS, MATERIALS, SITE IMPROVEMENTS, UTILITY CONNECTIONS, ARCHITECTS' FEES, ENGINEERING FEES, LEGAL FEES, NET INTEREST ON BORROWINGS AND OTHER FINANCING COSTS, AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROJECT OR IT'S FINANCING. THE AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED SHALL BE

VOTE: AYES-JOYSE, PAGANI, PINTO, WACHSMAN

Board of Education Energy Costs - Mr. Roberson requested \$155,000 for the Board of Education to cover the additional energy costs from last year. The Board of Education froze their accounts last year and under spent the budget by \$146,671. The amount they are asking for is less than they had anticipated when they first came to the Board of Finance on this matter.

Mr. Littizzio stated that the High School dual fuel burners should be installed by the middle of October. They have locked in a natural gas price of \$1.67/gallon. The fact that they will not be purchasing as much oil for the High School will save the town money. The computerized energy monitoring and weatherproofing that the Board of Education has done on the buildings should save money. They have also locked in a price for electricity. Oil is at \$2.30/gallon, and he has not locked in yet because it is still fluctuating.

Mr. Joyse suggested that they split the contracts and lock in some now in case it goes up. Mr. Littizzio stated that they had topped off all their tanks.

MOTION (WACHSMAN) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE \$155,792 TO COVER THE ENERGY COSTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR 06/07.

New Business

The Finance Officer brought several items that he has been working on to the Board for their information. He passed out a compilation of the Airport Sewer bid. Carrier Enterprises is the low bidder. This will necessitate an increase in the bond issue. The Town Engineer will have the figures this Thursday. Nick may tie it in with the bond issue for the Firehouse.

Land Use Fees – Under the new ordinance, the fund was set up and includes the first four projects since it was set up.

The DPW Maintenance Fund has a balance of \$52,090. This is a fund for maintaining retention basins.

Open Space Fund – The Finance Officer passed out a report that he prepared for Shawn Costello showing a balance of \$254,078.32. He would like the Planning & Zoning Commission to let him know what the developers will be paying ahead of time.

Recreation Department – The Parks & Recreation Department will be going to an on-line registration system for their programs effective 9/25/06. This program will help to track the revenues and expenses by program.

Old Business

Mr. Pagani told the Board that if someone wants to be added to the agenda, they must attend the meeting to answer questions and explain what they are looking for. All agreed that this was a good policy.

Adjournment

MOTION (JOYSE) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:05 PM.

Submitted by 
Lori Smith, Clerk